Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2022

Committee Members: Eleanor Adams, David Ward, Bruce Johnson, Patti Psaris, Carol Matheny

(Present); Joan Linhardt, David Nelson (Absent) Guests: Maura Matheny and Carl Scheider

Location: Lovettsville Library, 12 North Light Street, Lovettsville, Virginia 20180

Call to order: 6:01 PM

Development Projects: None were discussed.

Event: "Conservation in the Catoctin" on 6/8/2022, hosted by PEC was well attended (37 guests), Presentations included PEC, Eleanor Adams, Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District and Virtual Working Landscapes. One landowner of 279 acres was motivated to seek a conservation easement on their farm.

Loudoun County Zoning Re-Write: A draft letter and storymap were discussed for submission to Loudoun County. Motion to submit letter with revision by July 18 as seconded by Eleanor Adams, was approved unanimously. Revisions will be circulated via email.

Extending the Scenic Designation:

Further discussion indicates that the proposed extension from Waterford to either RT 9, RT 287 or to Chapman DeMary Trail in Purcellville. In general, the creek is "low volume", sometimes dissipates and generally not navigable. The distance to RT 9 (Charles Town Pike) is under 3 miles which is less than the 5-mile minimum. The distance from Waterford to RT 287 (Berlin Pike) is 5.4 miles. The distance from Waterford to Chapman DeMary Trail in Purcellville is 8.3 miles. There is no access to the creek in the 8.3 miles, except at Chapman DeMary Trail.

Next meeting: August 1, 2022

Adjourn: 7:25 PM

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